[30th October 1931

* 252 *Q.*—[Cancelled.]

Wool spinning plant of the Central Jail, Bellary.

* 253 *Q.*—Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) what was the cost of the first set of wool spinning plant installed in the Central Jail, Bellary;

(*b*) what is the cost of the new set of wool spinning plant recently purchased for the same jail;

(*c*) how does this price compare with the cost of the plant installed by the Department of Industries and what are the reasons for the variation, if any;

(*d*) to whom the work of erecting the newly received plant for the Central Jail, Bellary, was entrusted;

(*e*) what was the cost of the erection work; and

(*f*) whether any quotations were called for and whether any experts were requisitioned or consulted?

A.—(*a*) Rupees 7,573.

(*b*) About Rs. 6,685.

(*c*) The difference in price is due to the fact that the machines were supplied by different firms in different countries. The first one was supplied by Messrs. Josephys Erben and Company, Poland, and the second by Messrs. Redshaw and Company, England.

(*d*) The work of erection was done by the Superintendent and the workshop staff in the Jail.

(*e*) Rupees 60.

(*f*) The Director of Industries, Madras, informed the Superintendent of the Jail that Messrs. Brady and Company, the local Agents for Messrs. Redshaw Lister and Company who supplied the plant, might be requested to erect the machines. That firm reported that they had no mechanic available who could erect the plant. The work of erection was carried out by the Superintendent of the Jail.

Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed:—"May I know why the first set of wool-spinning plant was not purchased from the Company who supplied the second set?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar:—"Because the Government did not then know that the second set would be cheaper."

Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed:—"May I know why the Government ordered the first set from Poland instead of from England?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar:—"Notice."